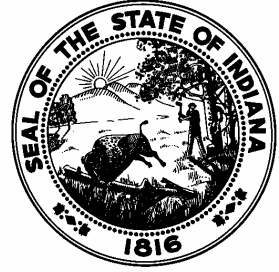


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Whom This Matter May Concern

FROM: State Attendance Officer

RE: Attendance and Suspensions

DATE: September 22, 2006

The General Counsel of the Indiana Department of Education has opined the following concerning accountability of suspensions:

A suspension from school, as defined at IC 20-33-8-7, is a disciplinary sanction of limited, specific duration. A suspension, as contemplated by statute, is an “educational function.” Such a suspension is not to be counted as an absence. However, a student suspended out of school is not counted for Average Daily Attendance purposes. A student who is assigned to in-school suspension and fails to appear is “absent”.

Suspensions are reported separately on DOE-SU. Suspensions are not considered as an absence or a day of attendance in calculations.